GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF RUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian Prime Minister has visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the agreements, if any, signed during the said visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes. The Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. Viktor A. Zubkov visited India on 12-13 February 2008.

(b) The Prime Minister of the Russian Federation met the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs, Minister of Finance and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. During the meetings, discussions were held on bilateral relations in the fields of trade and economy, energy, defence, science and technology and culture and regional and international issues of mutual interest. On 12 February, the visiting dignitary attended the Second Indo-Russian Forum on Trade and Investment and jointly inaugurated the 'Year of Russia' in India in the year 2008 along with the Prime Minister of India. Two Memoranda on cooperation, one on law enforcement matters between the Indian Central Board of Excise and Customs and the Russian Federal Customs Service, and another in the field of archives between the National Archives of India and the Russian Federal Archival Agency were signed during the visit.